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## High Surf Advisory in Effect; Inexperienced Mariners Advised to Stay Out of the Water

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office issued the following:

A **high surf advisory** is in effect for north and west facing reefs of Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan, until 6 a.m. Friday. Large breaking waves of up to 11 feet in the surf zone are expected along north and west facing reefs.

A high risk of rip currents is in effect until 6 a.m. Friday. Dangerous swimming and surf conditions and localized beach erosion are expected. Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from the shore into deeper water. Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water. If caught in a rip current, do not swim against the current. Swim in a direction following the shoreline, then head for the beach when out of the current.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind the community to avoid hazardous surf, especially north and west facing reefs and beaches.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: https://www.weather.gov/gum/
- NWS Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/
- GHS/OCD Website: https://ghs.guam.gov/
- GHS/OCD Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/

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